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Age Demographics

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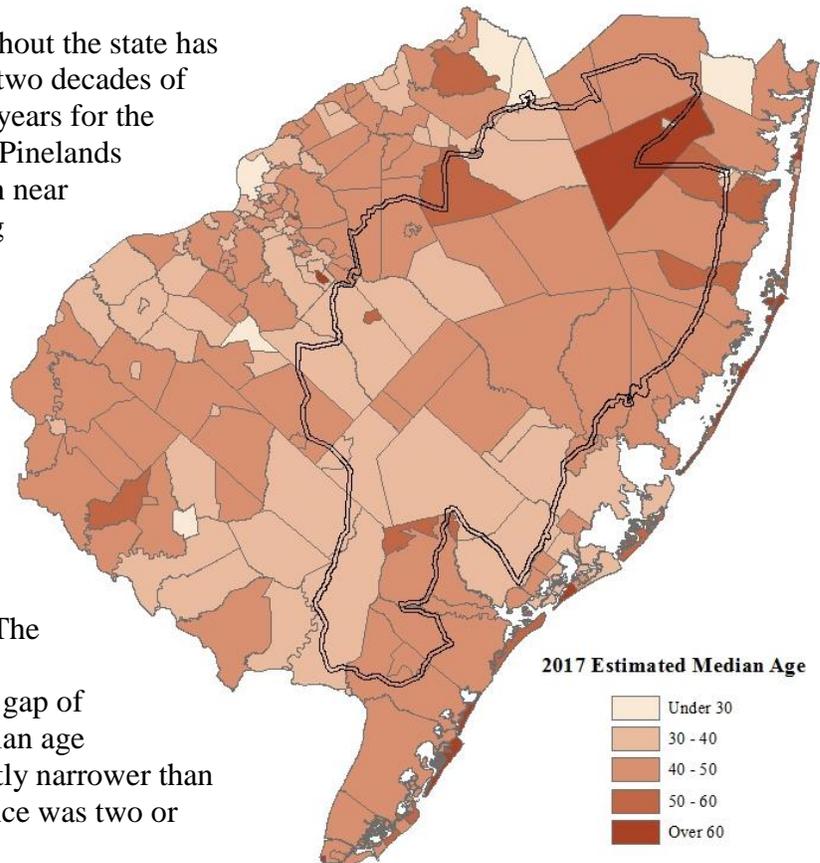
Highlight

The median age in the Pinelands region was estimated at 43 years of age in 2017. The State and Non-Pinelands regions exhibited similar median ages. The trend for increasing age that occurred over the decades 1980 to 2010 has flattened out in more recent years.

Description: The age distribution of the population within each municipality provides some determination of the demand for services and the ability of the population to withstand changes in tax rates.

Unit of Analysis: Demographic data is compiled at the municipal level and regionally aggregated for inside/outside the Pinelands and state analysis. Data is broken into three variables, median age, under 18 years and over 65 years of age.

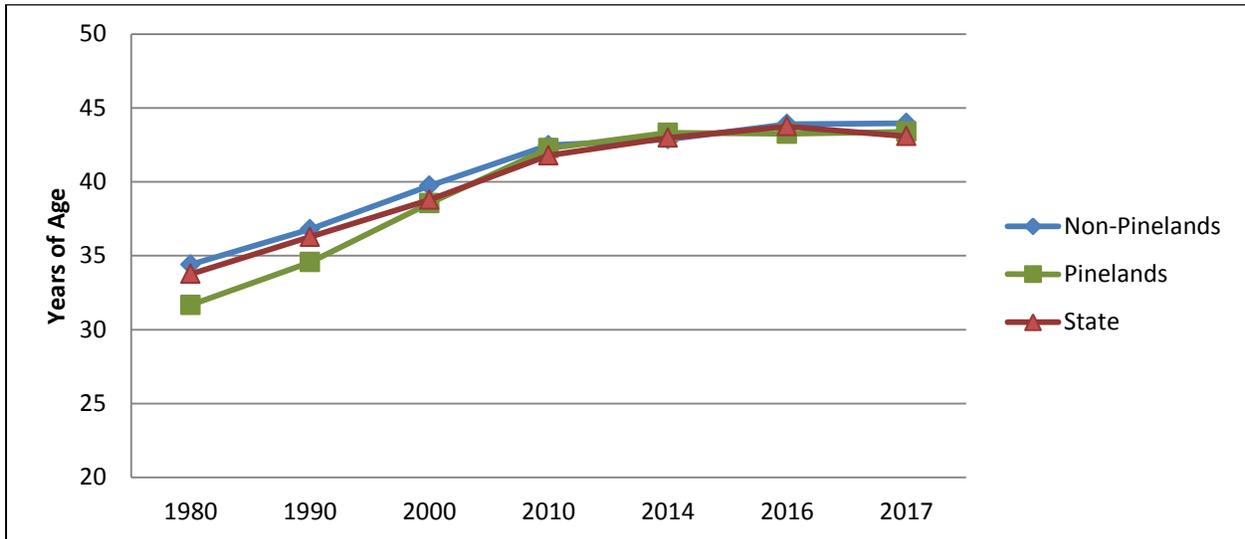
Findings: The median age throughout the state has leveled off since 2010, following two decades of increases. Median age is near 43 years for the State, the Pinelands, and the Non-Pinelands regions. The median age has been near 42 or 43 since 2010 after climbing considerably from median ages in the low 30's in the 1980s. Also, the range in median age has narrowed among the three regions (State, Pinelands, and Non-Pinelands.) For the estimated median age in 2017, the Non-Pinelands region is on the high end at 43.9 years of age while the State median age is the low end of 43.1 years of age. The Pinelands region has an estimated median age of 43.3 in 2017. This gap of less than a year difference in median age among the three regions is distinctly narrower than in 1980. At that time, the difference was two or three years.



It appears that there may be a shift occurring in which region has the highest or lowest median age. Up through 2010 and except for the year 2014, the

Non-Pinelands region had the oldest median age among the three regions. In 2014, the Pinelands region briefly held the position of having the highest median age. Until the early 2000s, the Pinelands region had the youngest median age. Since then the State median age has typically been younger than the Pinelands. Graph 1 depicts these trends in the median age from 1980 to 2017.

Graph 1. Median Age Trends 1980 - 2017



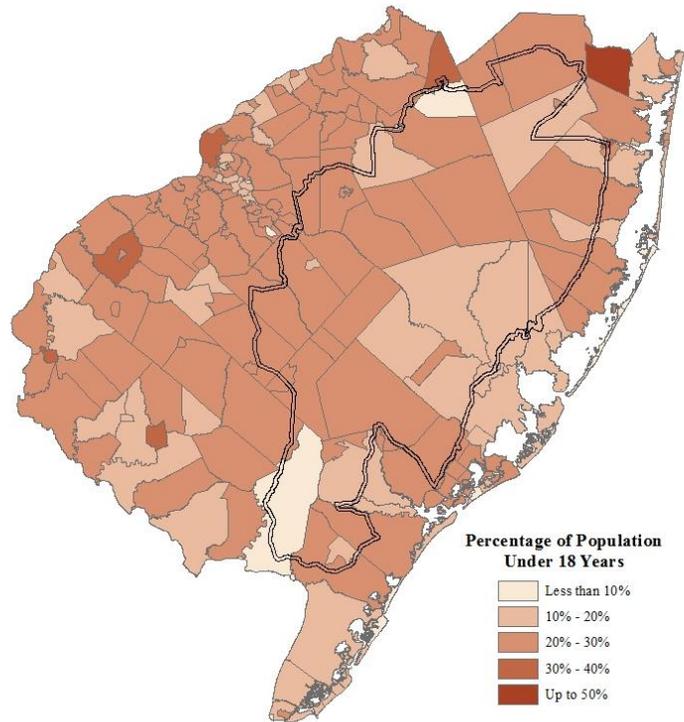
The youngest towns in the Pinelands have shifted slightly over the last year. Frequently, the youngest median age is found in municipalities surrounding Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. However this year, the lowest median age in the Pinelands is found in South Toms River Borough at 30 years of age. Egg Harbor City at 33 years and Lakehurst Borough at 34 years are the municipalities with the next lowest median ages.

Among the municipalities with the oldest median age, Manchester Township remains in the top position. It continues to be the only town to have a median age above 60 (64 years). The median age in Berkeley Township is the next highest at 60 years, followed by Southampton Township with a median age of 57. These median ages are consistent with median ages from 2016, except that Ocean Township and Southampton were previously tied with a median age of 56.

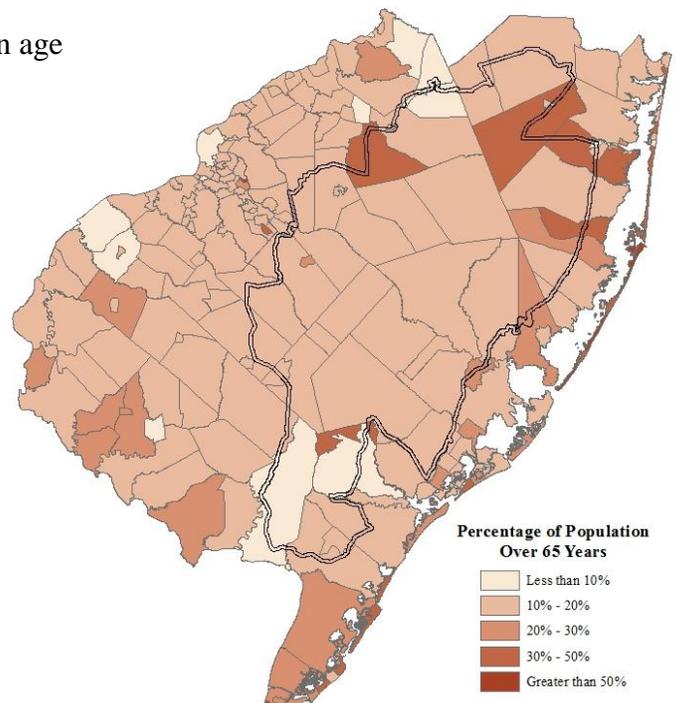
Table 1. Pinelands Municipalities Median Age – 1980 to 2017

Municipality	County	1980	1990	2000	2010	2017 Estimate
Manchester Township	Ocean	66	68	68	65	64
Berkeley Township	Ocean	59	65	66	61	60
Southampton Township	Burlington	44	46	50	54	57
Ocean Township	Ocean	45	35	38	50	56
Chesilhurst Borough	Camden	28	36	42	46	53
Weymouth Township	Atlantic	29	33	39	50	52
Port Republic City	Atlantic	33	36	41	46	48
Dennis Township	Cape May	30	33	37	45	47
Mullica Township	Atlantic	29	33	37	42	47
Little Egg Harbor Township	Ocean	37	35	40	45	47
Woodland Township	Burlington	33	36	38	43	46
Tabernacle Township	Burlington	29	33	38	43	46
Barneget Township	Ocean	29	33	39	46	46
Medford Lakes Borough	Burlington	32	37	40	42	46
Estell Manor City	Atlantic	30	32	37	43	45
Medford Township	Burlington	31	37	40	44	45
Folsom Borough	Atlantic	27	32	38	42	45
Stafford Township	Ocean	32	38	40	44	45
Washington Township	Burlington	35	37	41	44	44
Lacey Township	Ocean	35	37	39	41	44
Jackson Township	Ocean	29	32	35	42	43
Eagleswood Township	Ocean	33	35	39	43	43
Upper Township	Cape May	32	34	38	44	43
Bass River Township	Burlington	32	33	38	43	43
Berlin Township	Camden	28	32	36	39	43
Evesham Township	Burlington	29	32	36	41	42
Hammonton Town	Atlantic	33	37	39	40	42
Franklin Township	Gloucester	28	31	36	40	42
Woodbine Borough	Cape May	30	33	36	43	42
Plumsted Township	Ocean	29	33	36	41	41
Monroe Township	Gloucester	29	33	37	39	41
Egg Harbor Township	Atlantic	31	33	36	39	40
Waterford Township	Camden	29	31	36	40	40
Buena Borough	Atlantic	32	34	36	37	40
Maurice River Township	Cumberland	31	33	36	38	39
Shamong Township	Burlington	29	34	37	42	39
Hamilton Township	Atlantic	30	31	35	37	39
Buena Vista Township	Atlantic	29	35	39	42	39
Winslow Township	Camden	29	31	34	37	38
Galloway Township	Atlantic	28	30	34	39	38
Wrightstown Borough	Burlington	22	24	31	30	37
New Hanover Township	Burlington	21	24	32	41	36
Pemberton Township	Burlington	26	30	34	37	36
Beachwood Borough	Ocean	29	31	35	37	36
Lakehurst Borough	Ocean	26	28	32	32	34
Egg Harbor City	Atlantic	29	32	35	36	33
South Toms River Borough	Ocean	24	28	32	34	30
<i>"Outside" Municipalities (less than 10% of total area inside Pinelands boundary)</i>						
Corbin City	Atlantic	50	37	37	39	44
Toms River Township	Ocean	33	36	40	43	44
Springfield Township	Burlington	31	36	39	44	43
Berlin Borough	Camden	31	35	38	41	42
Vineland City	Cumberland	31	34	37	38	38
North Hanover Township	Burlington	25	27	29	29	29

Under 18 age demographic: Among Pinelands municipalities, South Toms River Borough continues to retain the highest percentage of the population under the age of 18 at 31%. The next highest percentages of population under 18 years of age are found in Lakehurst Borough and Little Egg Harbor Township. Each of these municipalities has at least 29% of their population that is under the age of 18. Maurice River Township has the lowest percentage of the population under 18 years of age, at only 5% of the total population. New Hanover Township, Manchester Township and Berkeley Township are the next lowest in the under 18 age group (8%, 10%, and 13%, respectively).



Over 65 age demographic: Not surprisingly, the municipalities with the highest median age also have the highest percentage of the population over 65 years of age. Manchester Township has the highest percentage over 65 years of age at 48%. As suggested by the high median ages, the other two municipalities with larger percentages of the population over 65 are Berkeley Township at 41% and Southampton Township at 35%. Age-restricted developments have a substantial effect on the median age in those towns. Pinelands municipalities with the lowest percentage of the population in the over-65 age demographic include New Hanover Township (4%), Maurice River Township (6%) and South Toms River Borough (8%). Maurice River Township continues the distinction of ranking low in both the lowest percentage of children (5%) and the lowest percentage of older adults (6%).



The figures on the map at right show percentages of each demographic group across southern New Jersey. Table 2, below provides more detail on these demographics for all Pinelands municipalities.

Table 2. Populations under 18 Years and Over 65 Years of Age

Municipality	County	Population Under 18 Years	% of Population Under 18 Years	Population Over 65 Years	% of Population Over 65 Years
South Toms River Borough	Ocean	1154	31%	302	8%
Lakehurst Borough	Ocean	792	29%	269	10%
Egg Harbor City	Atlantic	1231	29%	456	11%
Shamong Township	Burlington	1780	28%	836	13%
Wrightstown Borough	Burlington	180	25%	60	8%
Egg Harbor Township	Atlantic	10965	25%	5529	13%
Beachwood Borough	Ocean	2746	25%	1249	11%
Plumsted Township	Ocean	2077	24%	1054	12%
Berlin Borough	Camden	1847	24%	1390	18%
Monroe Township	Gloucester	8820	24%	5732	16%
Winslow Township	Camden	9355	24%	4846	12%
Buena Vista Township	Atlantic	1759	23%	1165	16%
Pemberton Township	Burlington	6475	23%	3688	13%
Medford Township	Burlington	5421	23%	4433	19%
Hammonton Town	Atlantic	3278	23%	2674	18%
Jackson Township	Ocean	12623	22%	10070	18%
Medford Lakes Borough	Burlington	910	22%	668	16%
Woodland Township	Burlington	337	22%	237	16%
Tabernacle Township	Burlington	1529	22%	1235	18%
Franklin Township	Gloucester	3619	22%	2139	13%
Upper Township	Cape May	2609	22%	2090	17%
Eagleswood Township	Ocean	349	22%	258	16%
Dennis Township	Cape May	1367	22%	1215	19%
Folsom Borough	Atlantic	390	22%	321	18%
Waterford Township	Camden	2315	22%	1554	14%
Hamilton Township	Atlantic	5731	21%	3414	13%
Barneget Township	Ocean	4665	21%	5795	26%
Evesham Township	Burlington	9566	21%	7301	16%
Lacey Township	Ocean	5837	21%	5456	19%
Stafford Township	Ocean	5540	21%	5319	20%
Weymouth Township	Atlantic	561	20%	903	33%
Berlin Township	Camden	1095	20%	993	18%
Woodbine Borough	Atlantic	487	20%	357	15%
Little Egg Harbor Township	Ocean	4087	20%	5193	25%
Galloway Township	Atlantic	7138	19%	5900	16%
Mullica Township	Atlantic	1158	19%	1006	17%
Estell Manor City	Atlantic	320	18%	163	9%
Washington Township	Burlington	135	18%	113	15%
Bass River Township	Burlington	263	18%	177	12%
Port Republic City	Atlantic	181	17%	216	20%
Southampton Township	Burlington	1457	14%	3618	35%
Ocean Township	Ocean	1221	14%	3037	34%
Chesilhurst Borough	Camden	216	13%	453	28%
Berkeley Township	Ocean	5333	13%	17271	41%
Manchester Township	Ocean	4363	10%	20844	48%
New Hanover Township	Burlington	608	8%	314	4%
Maurice River Township	Cumberland	345	5%	400	6%
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North Hanover Township	Burlington	2481	32%	493	6%
Springfield Township	Burlington	866	26%	462	14%
Vineland City	Cumberland	14385	24%	9693	16%
Buena Borough	Atlantic	1038	23%	734	16%
Toms River Township	Ocean	18957	21%	17707	19%
Corbin City	Atlantic	92	19%	70	14%